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Deer Fence Fact Sheet

Deer Fence

A fence that is up to 8 feet high and constructed of an open mesh, heavy weight, plastic or similar material that allows a clear view through the fence. Mesh size ranges from 1.5 x 1.5inches to 2 x 2.75 inches. A deer fence may be constructed with wood, metal, or fiberglass posts. Deer fences must be made of the above material only.

The building line and yard requirements of Chapter 59 do not apply to:

- (1) retaining walls where changes in street grade, width or alignment have made such structures necessary,
- (2) deer fencing in all agricultural zones and in the rear and side yards of all other zones,
- (3) other walls or fences not over 6 ½ feet in height, or
- (4) deer and other fences not over 8 feet in height if the property is farmed and agriculturally assessed.

Fence Height

Fence height is measured from the lowest level of the ground immediately under the fence. On a corner lot in any residential zone a fence, wall other than a retaining wall, terrace, structure, shrubbery, planting or other obstruction to vision must not have a height greater than 3 feet above the curb level for a distance of 15feet from the intersection of the front and side street lines.

Residential Zones

On a corner lot in any residential zone, a deer fence must not be located closer to the street than the face of the building.